**PATENT** Application No.: 09/291,894 Page 2 2. (Amended) The chime to RSD of claim 1, wherein the chimeric genome or 1 2 antigenome comprises a partial or complete human R\$V genome or antigenome of one RSV 3 subgroup [or strain] combined with a heterologous gene or gene segment from a different, human [or non-human] RSV subgroup [or strain]. 3. (Amended) The chimeric RSV of claim 2, wherein the heterologous gene or gene segment is from a human RSV subgroup A[,]/or human RSV subgroup B[, bovine RSV or murine RSVI. 52. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a chimeric 1 2 RSV genome or antigenome which includes a partial or complete human RSV genome or 3 antigenome of one RSV strain or subgroup virus combined with a heterologous gene or gene 4 segment of a different human RSV strain or subgroup virus. 53. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 52, wherein the 1 2 chimeric genome or antigenome comprises a partial or complete human RSV genome or antigenome of one RSV subgroup [or strain]/combined with a heterologous gene or gene 3 segment from a different, human [or non-human] RSV subgroup [or strain]. 54. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 52, wherein the 1 2 heterologous gene or gene segment is from a human RSV subgroup A[,] or human RSV 3 subgroup B<sub>[</sub>, bovine RSV, avian RSV, of murine RSV]. 1 64. (Amended) [A method] An expression vector for producing an infectious 2 attenuated chimeric RSV [particle from] comprising an isolated polynucleotide according to 3 claim 52 operably linked with a transcriptional promoter and a transcriptional terminator [one or more isolated polynucleotide molecules encoding said RSV, comprising: 4 expressing in a cell or cell-free lysate an expression vector comprising an 5 isolated polynucleotide comprising a chimeric RSV genome or antigenome and RSV N, P, L 6 7 and RNA polymerase elongation factor proteins].

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